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HONGKONG, JANUARY 11TH, 1910.

A PROSECUTION at Seoul last year brought prominently before the public an effort which had been made by patriotic Koreans to raise by voluntary subscriptions a fund to pay off the National Debt to Japan. A considerable sum was subscribed, but as far as our recollection goes, it was absurdly inadequate for the purpose. The incident is recalled by recent announcements that a similar movement has been initiated in the Chihli province of China, and has been encouraged by official recognition of the prime mover, on whom some decoration has been conferred. What the precise amount of China's National Debt is we are, at the moment, unable to ascertain. Up to 1895 the Empire practically had no foreign debt. As the result of the war with Japan, which ended in that year, a foreign debt of over £50,000,000 was incurred; and the indemnities which China undertook to pay to the foreign Powers in settlement of the military operations necessitated by the Boxer movement of 1900 added to the foreign obligations a further sum of £67,500,000. The annual charge upon the Chinese revenue for these obligations has been in the neighbourhood of £15,000,000—a sum which exceeds by over ten millions the average revenue of the Imperial Maritimes Customs. Consequently there has been a heavy drain on the provincial treasuries, and we must not forget that many of the provinces in recent years have also had to meet obligations in connection with foreign loans for railway construction.

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It is quite true that in comparison with the debts of Western nations that of China is a mere bagatelle, and a contemporary reminds us that New York, London and Paris have municipal debts larger than the whole National Debt of the vast Chinese Empire. It is at the same time quite rightly pointed out that China is but lightly taxed compared with the taxation in Western countries, and, moreover, the National Debt of China differs from that of any other country in that it is held by the Governments or citizens of foreign countries, instead of by its own people. It would be an easy matter for the Government of China to discharge its indebtedness to foreign countries by a small *per capita* contribution, and if the Chinese Government has so much sympathy with the movement which has recently been inaugurated in Chihi, the wonder is that it is not spurred on thereby to increased exertion in the reform of the entire financial administration which has long been recognised by leading statesmen of the Empire as desirable; for, as many of the advisers of the Government have in times past pointed out, the Imperial revenue could be enormously increased without imposing on the people burdens which would be overwhelming. There is, indeed, good grounds for the commonly-accepted opinion that not one-half the amount collected from the taxpayers of China finds its way into the treasury. There would be little need to talk at the present time of increasing taxation if only what is now raised were honestly administered. We need refer only to the revenue from the taxation of the land in China. The reported collection is only £12,000,000; the almost probable actual collection is £10,200,000, but the possible collection has been estimated by high authorities at £35,000,000 to £40,000,000. If it be true that the National Debt of China is retarding the rapid development of the resources of the country, by withdrawing funds which would otherwise be devoted to that object, the Government is to blame for not taking measures to ensure that the whole of the money raised by taxation is fully accounted for and applied to provincial or national purposes instead of so large a part of it going to the personal enrichment of officials.

We are able to appreciate the patriotism of the people who have inaugurated this movement to raise by public subscription a fund to pay off the National Debt of China, but if there is really any truth in the statement that the payment of some forty-five million taels a year in meeting China's obligations to foreign Powers is retarding the development of the country, we can only wonder that the Chinese Government is not persuaded to make a statesmanlike effort either to redeem the debt or, by reforming the financial administration, lighten the burden on the taxpayers, and so leave the patriotic promoters of this Redemption Fund free to put their money instead into industrial enterprises which will promote the prosperity of the State and enhance its dignity and importance in the eyes of the world.

The death is announced of Mrs. G. Pettick, son, of Foochow, at the age of 82.

A census has shown that there are 957 monasteries and 5,862 monks in Korea.

The Telephone Co. are laying a new cable to the Peak, alongside the tram line.

A fairly numerous contingent of police are due to leave for Home on leave in March next.

The English residents of Hankow have decided to give a ball at the end of the present month.

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Dr. D. K. McDowell, C.M.G., who, for over six years had the appointment of Principal Civil Medical Officer to the Straits Settlements has taken over the new duties of a similar appointment in the Federated Malay States.

An attractive booklet containing information and photographic views of the Palo Last Coal Company's operations has been forwarded to us by Messrs. Garrels, Bonar & Co., the Hongkong agents. The statistics show an annually increasing output.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 9th January, 1910 (exclusive of New Year's Day) shows that of non-Chinese there were 430 to the Library and 271 to the Museum, and of Chinese 210 to the former and 2,453 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 640 persons and the Museum by 2,729.

The Korean estimates for the next fiscal year includes a sum of 110,000 yen for the appointment of one hundred Japanese clerks in district offices and also a sum amounting to 50,000 yen for that of twenty-six Japanese clerks in provincial offices. It is stated that these clerks will shortly be appointed from among officials in district and prefectural offices in Japan.

A little more than three years ago the Hongkong Government lent to China a sum of £1,100,000, and accepted the opium revenues of Hupeh, Hunan and Kwantung as security for the loan. As China is intent on sacrificing that revenue at the earliest possible moment, it would be interesting to know what security she has offered to Hongkong in substitution therefor.

Great excitement was created at Laokay on the 30th ult. by the news that 230 Chinese regulars had mutinied and crossed the Tonkin frontier with arms and baggage, proceeding towards Nam-tai, about 20 kilometres northeast of Laokay. They had assassinated the Chinese officer who commanded them. The Resident called for the urgent dispatch of reinforcements. In military circles at Haiphong the reports were regarded as exaggerated.

The death occurred at Penang on the 31st ult. of Mr. David Brown, of Glouster, at the age of 65 years. The deceased was born in Penang in 1845 and went home to be educated at Loretto. He returned to Penang in 1861 and was a member of the Legislative Council in 1876 and was several times editor of the *Penang Gazette* and since 1896 was manager. He was highly respected and greatly liked by all sections of the population. The flags on the buildings of the principal firms were half-masted and the Cricket Club was closed.

A smart capture was made by the police at the Canton steamboat wharf on Sunday night. A Chinese, who had returned from America and was on his way up country, had in his possession two Saratoga trunks. They aroused the suspicion of a luukong, who had them searched, with the result that 1,150 rounds of ammunition, 400 empty revolver cartridges, four boxes of caps, two revolvers, one rifle, and moulds for making bullets were found in the trunks. The defendant was brought before the Magistrate yesterday and remanded.

The Japanese Budget for next fiscal year, says the *Japan Mail*, contains an appropriation of 83,000 yen under the heading of decorations for The Hague Tribunal. The explanation of this is that the various Powers have agreed to contribute for the embellishment of the former Hague Palace in which the meetings of the International Tribunal are held. Under this arrangement it has fallen to Japan's lot to furnish the decoration of one chamber, and the total expense for the purpose is estimated at 83,000 yen, of which the first instalment, namely, 45,000, appears in the next Budget. Tokyo journals state that the plan is to cover the ceiling and walls of the room with panelled tapestry (*tessu-eori*), and to add a display of Japanese works of art.

Charles H. Stephens, chief boarding officer at San Francisco, returned to that city on December 10th by the Pacific Mail liner *Monongahela* from an inspection trip to the Far East accompanied by his wife. The reception that the popular customs official received was not quite so dignified as that accorded the Chinese diplomatic party, but it could not have been more genuine. His hands were in a sorry condition and his back must have ached after the boarding party of his friends got through with him. Stephens combined pleasure with official business on his trip to the Orient and was accorded warm receptions by his friends at the principal ports in China and Japan. At Hongkong he and his party were banqueted by Quan Kai, the "flour king" of the Far East, in truly Oriental style, birds' nest soup and chop-sticks figuring in the menu.

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A PROTEST FROM THE PORTE.

LONDON, January 10th.

The Porte has circularised the Powers controlling Crete protesting against a fresh violation of the Sovereign rights of the Sultan in the Cretan Executive taking the oath of allegiance to the King of Greece, and also in a resolution of the Assembly to introduce the Hellenic Code.

THE NEW FRENCH TARIFF.

THE ALARM IN GERMANY.

LONDON, January 10th. Several German Chambers of Commerce have petitioned the Government to negotiate with a view to prevent the enforcement of the new French tariff in March.

The petition shows that some of the duties have been increased three hundred per cent.

CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSION.

LONDON, January 10th. The members of the Chinese Naval Commission dined yesterday with H. I. H. the Princess Henry of Prussia.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR
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LONDON, January 10th.

Sir Hugh Bell, who has become a Liberal, is standing as a Parliamentary candidate for the City of London.

[Sir Hugh Bell is an ironmaster and colliery owner, and managing director of Bell Bros., Ltd. He is a director of Buxton, Mond & Co., Ltd., Worman, Long & Co., Jordan Collieries, Ltd., and the North-Eastern Railway. He contested Middlesbrough in the Unionist interest in 1902. Sir C. P. Trevelyan M.P., the Liberal member for the Eland Division of Yorkshire, is son-in-law of Sir Hugh Bell. At the last contested election for the City of London (February, 1906) the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the Unionist Leader, obtained 15,474 votes against 4,134 cast for his Liberal opponent, Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles.]

A NEW SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

LONDON, January 10th.

Sir Ernest Shackleton is planning a fresh expedition to the Antarctic.

JAPAN AND HER TEA.

Evidently, remarks a London contemporary, our Far Eastern ally intends to take a leaf out of the book of the Indian planters who have in recent years taken such active measures with such satisfactory results—to exploit Indian tea on the Continent. A general meeting of tea merchants and producers from all parts of Japan was held a short time ago, and about 300 attended. Several members of the Japanese Government were present, including the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and the Director of the Agricultural Bureau. Important measures are to be taken for the extension of the export of Japanese tea to America, Russia, and Great Britain, and the question of economy in the cost of tea production was also discussed. A committee is to report on the matter, and if the Japanese take it up with their usual zeal the next few years should see important developments.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

The Japanese steamer *Fukushu Maru*, which went ashore recently at Jameshill, Chemulpo, was carrying a cargo of general goods. She was built in 1903, is a vessel of 1,473 tons, and is valued at £21,000. She is owned by the Osaka Shōen Kaisha.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's steamer *Peking* went badly ashore on Rugged Islands, about twenty miles from Gutzlaff, last week. When the steamer *Kansai* went to her assistance the stranded vessel had five or six feet of water in her hold, but the passengers and crew were perfectly safe. The latest news in Shanghai papers states that the *Kansai* was standing by, and gear and tugs are being despatched to assist in refloating the *Peking*, which is not expected to come to great harm.

The historic Chinese war junk *Whang Ho* is now a wreck on the south coast of Sumatra, near Telor Botong. This news was reported to the harbour master at Batavia by the captain of the steamer *Reissel*. The Resident of Telor Botong has seen or heard nothing of the crew of the deserted vessel. The *Whang Ho* is an ancient Chinese junk which set out from San Francisco many months ago on an adventurous voyage to Galveston, where it was intended to exhibit her.

The Japanese Consul at Honolulu has informed his Government that the American Government is imposing on all vessels, American and foreign alike, excepting vessels in distress and excursion yachts, calling at any port in United States territory, tonnage dues at the rate of two to six cents per ton, in accordance with Article 36 of the Customs Law adopted on August 5th, 1909. The Chief Collector of the Honolulu Customs received an official despatch from Mr. Knox, the American Secretary of State, to the effect that steamers calling at ports of the United States for the purpose of taking in coal or heavy oil for fuel, without taking on board or discharging passengers or cargo, will hereafter be exempted from tonnage dues, but the entrance fee must be paid.

A correspondent in a contemporary is anxious to know why the P. & O. Co. has named one of its steamers after a port in Belgium. This is what he writes: "Nasur is a town in Belgium at the junction of the river Sambre with the Meuse. In 1692, in spite of its fortifications having been greatly strengthened in the interval by the famous military engineer Vauban, it was retaken by William III. (our Dutch William), and of a garrison of 15,000 men only 6,000 survived the siege. The first event was celebrated in a full-scale ode by the French poet Boileau, and the second event was taken advantage of by our Matthew Prior to write a most amusing skit on Boileau's poem. I am curious to know why the P. & O. should name one of their steamers after the place." We can offer no information on the point.

There is an estimated increase of Yen 2,292,705 in Japanese shipping subsidies for next year, as compared with the present year. The total amount is estimated at Yen 9,816,954, and the amount of subsidy to each line is as follows:

Service or Line	Amount
European line	Yen 3,218,193
American	3,442,977
South American	601,978
Australian	425,782
China	800,000
Oriental waters	530,000
Japan Sea	351,000
Subsidy for calling at certain ports	50,000
Hokkaido services	189,864
Islands off Kagoshima prefecture	22,800
Bonins' Island	15,480
Islands of Izu Province	7,560
Islands belonging to Bonin	1,520
Luchu	9,000
Islands of Luchu	5,400
Oki Island	5,400

The P.M. str. *Korea*, scheduled to leave San Francisco on the 7th inst., will make a special call at Manila in order to provide a direct service for passengers who desire to visit Manila during the Manila Carnival, which takes place on the 5th February to 14th inclusive. The *Korea* calls at Manila before coming to Hongkong.

The steamer *Sabine*, which was chartered to search for the missing liner *Waratah* on September 9th last, covered 14,700 miles in a zigzag course without discovering a clue as to the fate of the missing steamer. The *Sabine*, which experienced rough weather, on one occasion made a complete circle of 1,200 miles circumference. She visited Possession Island, but was prevented by fog from approaching the other Crozets. Thence she proceeded to St. Paul Island, and throughout her search continued at night to sweep the waters with her searchlight.

A week or two ago we mentioned that the *Chiyo Maru* had gone into dock at Tsukoo with a view to having alterations made to provide accommodation for a Post Office. We now learn from Japanese papers that in order to promote speedy deliveries of mail matter between Japan and America, the Japanese Department of Communications will open post-offices on board the N.Y.K. and T.K.K. North American liners upon the enforcement of the Ocean Navigation Subsidy Law, which comes into operation this month and to which these steamers bound for Seattle and San Francisco are to be subject. The opening of post-offices on the Pacific steamers has been proposed by the Japanese authorities in consideration of the success of similar services on the Atlantic. On the outward voyages these post-offices on the Pacific are to sort the mail matter, which land post offices receive at the point of departure.

of American liners, so that the mail-closing hours ashore may be prolonged for about an hour. The floating post-offices will be busier on the homeward voyages than on the outward trips, for they must open mail bags destined for the Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe offices from Europe via America, and sort the matter, while translating addresses into Japanese for the benefit of the domestic post-offices. As soon as the letters and cards, already sorted, are landed at Yokohama they may be immediately sent to their respective destinations, through the proper post-offices. Passengers by the steamers, on which floating post-offices are established, may enjoy the facility of despatching all kinds of mail matter, including "registered" and "value declared" articles.

IN THE DAYS OF THE COMET.

TALES ABOUT ITS TAIL.

An interesting account of Halley's comet and its present visit to the neighbourhood of the earth was given by Professor Fowler, of the Royal College of Science, at the conversations of the Students' Union on the 15th ult.

Comets, he said, were in reality quite common objects and no fewer than 150 had been discovered during the last thirty years though most of these, of course, were only visible through powerful telescopes.

The appearance of a brilliant comet was an event of comparatively rare occurrence. The last was the Great Comet of 1882. Its whole bulk was 8,000 times that of the sun, but its mass, like that of other comets, was too small to be measured by any means known to us.

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When Halley's comet last appeared in 1835 it was visible to the naked eye for several weeks before its perihelion, and had a tail about thirty degrees in length, but it was no use trying to disguise the fact that after the perihelion it was a disappointing object because it had no tail.

The comet, naturally enough, as Halley, who identified it, was Astronomer Royal, had come to be regarded almost as British territory, and everyone was delighted to find that the calculations made at Greenwich as to its present appearance had proved to be correct. There had been great competition amongst astronomers throughout the world to be the first to pick it out.

Actually the first announcement of the comet's appearance was made by Wolf of Heidelberg, a photograph showing it having been taken on September 11th last. But when the Greenwich plates were re-examined by the light of the information given by Wolf it was found that the comet had been photographed two days before that. Recently, however, it was announced that the English astronomer in charge of the observatory at Helwan, in Egypt, had photographed the comet as far back as August 24, so that the credit of the discovery really belonged to England after all.

Since then the comet has approached much nearer the earth, and is now visible through quite small telescopes. It has no tail yet, but that is due to the fact that the tail is pointed away from the earth.

IN THE SUN'S BAYS.

At the beginning of March next, said the professor, the comet would set three hours after the sun, and it might not then be bright enough to attract general attention. After that it would be lost in the sun's rays until nearly the end of April, and those who wished to see it would have to be up before sunrise.

On May 19, at 2 o'clock in the morning, the comet will pass in front of the sun's disc, but this transit will not, of course, be visible in this country. After that it will be seen at its best towards the end of May, but no one could tell whether the comet would be conspicuously brilliant or not.

Supposing its tail was not less than fifteen millions of miles in length, the earth would pass through it. We had already heard alarming rumors of what might happen—but we should all be poisoned by various gases—but the extreme toxicity of the gases comprising the tail should be sufficient to alay any fears of that kind.

At any rate, any astronomer would willingly take the risk of passing through a comet's tail in order to see what would happen. In his opinion, the most we might expect would be a shower of shooting stars, or, as he believed most probable, a display of the Aurora.

THE GERMAN DEFICIT.

THE £26,000,000 LOAN.

In the presence of all the Ministers and before a crowded House and densely-packed galleries Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg made his maiden speech in the Reichstag as Imperial Chancellor on the 9th ult.

The Imperial Estimates for 1910 were down for first reading.

The first task, he said, was to—ensure to the Empire a solid financial system. (Hear, hear.) In the accomplishment of that task all these parties must work together which came apart on the question of taxation, whether their political differences continued or not.

Only by assenting to the decisions of the majority in the Reichstag had it become possible to submit Estimates which promised a gradual restoration of the Imperial finances to a sound basis. ("Hear, hear," from the Right and Centre; signs of protest from the Left.)

The vast mass of the people, the Chancellor declared in conclusion, "does not wish to live for ever on political sensation and embitterment. Our people, in the active prosecution of its labours demands a steady, firm policy as much at home as abroad. A people which, like Germany, has won for itself a position in trade and culture by sober work can only maintain it by such work, and the whole strength of the people has worked together to that end in the past, so also must it be in the future. (Loud cheers from Right and Centre; signs of protest from the Left.)

Herr Wernher, Secretary of State for the Imperial Treasury, pointed out that for the financial year of 1909 the necessity for raising £26,000,000 by loan was due to deficits in the Budgets of previous years, but that in future the country's finance would be conducted on lines which would prevent a recurrence of such a necessity.

The financial year of 1908 had been particularly unfavourable, but of late a slow increase in the revenues had been noticeable.

Nevertheless a cautious estimate of the yield of the new taxes was necessary. For 1909 he expected from this source £4,250,000, and for 1910 £15,000,000.

In order not to upset the money market the amount which it would be necessary to obtain by loan would be raised gradually.

CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCES IN CHINA.

The Rev. E. J. Hardy, M.A., the author of a well-known book, "How to be Happy Though Married," and for some time Army Chaplain in Hongkong, when he paid a visit to Japan, gives a short account of his life in the Far East in Mr. T. P. O'Connor's journal, *M.A.P.* He says:

"How to get married?" is a problem on which I had often been tempted to write before I produced "Concerning Marriage" in 1901.

"I was amazed at the red tape connected with it. I remember, when I was stationed in Hongkong, that I went to Canton on one occasion, in order to take some services, for there was no clergyman there, and an English doctor in the place asked me to put up his hands of marriage. I asked him for the address of his intended. He told me she had no address, for she was on the sea, travelling out to him."

"It was necessary that the particulars should be filled in, and, as I was wondering what to do, for the doctor wanted to get married as soon as his intended arrived, it occurred to me that Stepney is the seaman's parish, and all children born at sea are registered at that parish. I, therefore, determined to register the young lady in the parish of Stepney; and in that way solved the problem to his satisfaction.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered.

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII, a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified, altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall before the Special Resolution is passed be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of this Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI, a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that such payments shall be made to any member open the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1909.

By Order,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th January, to TUESDAY, the 25th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Lord Sutherland Gowen, the creator of the noble Shakespearean memorial at Stratford-on-Avon, says of Sanatogen:

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

BRITAIN'S MYSTERIOUS PITS.

A perennial puzzle in southern England is the origin of the so-called dome-holes that are so numerous in that locality. They were sunk in the chalk at some prehistoric time and usually consist of a narrow shaft 75 or 100 feet deep ending in a chamber 30 to 50 feet in diameter, and 16 or 18 feet high, in a series of two or three or more chambers. They occur in groups, about 60 pits at Hangman's Wood, Essex, being contained in the space of a few acres.

A late inquirer, Rev. J. W. Hayes, has investigated the character of the chalk deposits and the ancient and modern uses of chalk, and he offers an explanation of the pits quite different from the theories that have been most favoured. His view is that the dome-holes were simply quarries of chalk. The export of the material began in pre-Roman times, and it was natural to make the pits in groups where the strata supplied solid blocks and the location was convenient. Buckets or baskets were used for raising the material taken out. It has been widely believed that the pits were made for granaries or places of refuge, both, but strong evidence against these ideas is the fact that many worked-out pits contain waste from later excavations.

CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE RAT-KILLING.

In reply to the Rev. G. S. Muir, who spoke for the deputation, the Master of Elbank said that they had reduced the export of opium from India from 66,000 chests to 61,909 chests in 1908, and this quantity had been further reduced to 56,800 in 1909, and would be reduced to 51,700 chests in 1910. Further reductions after 1910 would be made proportionate to the reduction in the home-grown production and consumption in China. The area under poppy cultivation in Bengal was being reduced, and restrictions were being placed on the export of opium grown in the native States. Whereas in 1880 and 1881 the net income derived under the heading of opium amounted to seven millions sterling, to-day it amounted to little over three millions, a revenue which, under an arrangement with China, must inevitably be one of progressive diminution. The arrangement made with China was that the Indian Government should diminish the export of opium to China in each of three years, beginning with 1908, by one-tenth of the amount then annually exported, and if at the end of that period China could produce satisfactory evidence that she had proportionately reduced her cultivation, the arrangement was to continue for the next seven years, at the end of which the trade would have entirely ceased. As the net revenue derived by India from this source was more than three millions, the sacrifice was no light one. His Majesty's Government regarded the experimental period of three years as an absolute necessity. It would be idle for the Indian Government to make so great a sacrifice if the only result were to be the substitution of Chinese for Indian opium. The question, therefore, would come up for consideration at the end of next year, when it was hoped they would have trustworthy data of the extent of China's reform. The trial period was accepted by the Chinese Government themselves as essentially a reasonable agreement to ensure that the action of the Indian Government for the gradual suppression of a hitherto legal traffic should not be frustrated by a want of corresponding restrictive action on the part of the Chinese authorities. China at this moment was not in a position to produce trustworthy data.

The Master of Elbank read the following telegram, which he had received from the Colonial Office:

"Government, through Colonial Office, have paid special attention to opium question with object of gradual suppression of traffic. As result of Commission's report, traffic both in Hongkong and Straits Settlements largely reduced at great cost to revenue. Commission on question still sitting in Ceylon. Present policy, if continued, will lead to suppression."

PRINCE ITO AND THE BURNING OF THE BRITISH LEGATION.

STATEMENT BY M. J. H. LONGFORD.

It is often stated that Prince Ito was one of the young men concerned in the burning down of the British Legation at Yedo in 1861, but we know of no authoritative statement to that effect, say the *Japan Chronicle*. A most definite statement on the subject, however, is now made by Mr. J. H. Longford, formerly of the British Consular service in Japan, who, in an appreciative article on Prince Ito, in the December number of the *National Review*, explains the facts as follows:

"Armed attacks by bands of conservative fanatics had been twice made on the British Legation at Tokyo, with the object of destroying the Legation and murdering the inmates. After the second attack all the treaty representatives demanded that a site should be assigned for their residences, the situation of which should render it easy of defence. The site chosen by them was Enomoto-ya, 'The Hill of the Palace,' a table-land of slight elevation, but extensive surface, on the western suburbs of Yedo, overlooking Shinsagawa Bay, a place not only of great natural and cultivated beauty, but of strong strategic capabilities. Historical associations and present conditions combined to render this spot especially dear to Japanese hearts. The palace in which the Legation was accustomed to receive the territorial magnates on their visits to the capital originally stood upon it, but for several generations it had been used as a public park, and was the favourite resort of all the citizens of the capital. Trampling in their ignorance and autocracy over every sentiment of Japanese tradition and public right, the treaty representatives extorted the concession of this site from the weak Ministers of the Shogun. The people were excluded from their historic pleasure-ground; the cherry-trees and plum trees which had beautified these grounds for centuries were ruthlessly swept away, and the erection of the Legation buildings proceeded with. That for the British Legation was completed when a final appeal was made by the Government for the rendition of the site. The appeal was in vain, but the buildings were never occupied. A number of samurai invaded the place, set fire to the buildings at several points simultaneously, and the whole were burnt to the ground."

"The incendiaries were well known, though their names were never published. One of them was the young Ito, and it was at this incident that Sir Harry Parkes referred, on the occasion of which I first saw him, to the fact that he, too, was of Japanese descent. He sometimes spoke of this incident, if not with pride, certainly without a particle of shame in his own share in it, and upon inquiry with the knowledge we now possess of the circumstances of the period can, even if he condones the act, refuse his sympathy to the hot-headed young swordsmen who perpetrated it."

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Hongkong, 14th August, 1909. [908]

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ARRIVALS.

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CHOSHUN MARU, Japanese str., 1,301, T. Suruga, 10th Jan.—Swatow 9th Jan, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
HAIK SHUN, Chinese str., 806, Marhsuden, 10th Jan.—Touane 7th January, Coal-Wallin & Co.
TOSA MARU, Japanese str., 5,023, Y. Nomura, 9th Jan.—Möji 4th Jan, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
YUNISANG, British str., 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, 10th Jan.—Manila 7th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ZAFIRO, British str., 1,618, R. Rodger, 10th January—Manila 8th January, Hump and General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
10th January.
Carnarvonshire, British str., for Yokohama.
Drauz, Norwegian str., for Swatow.
Hafnia, British str., for Swatow.
Holme, German str., for Touane.
Idomenus, British str., for London.
Toes Maru, Jap. str., for Bombay.

DEPARTURES.

9th January.
SCHAENHORST, Ger. battleship, for Java.
SHAONGBANG, British str., for Hongkong.
LEIPZIG, German cruiser, for Java.
10th January.
CHENAN, British str., for Canton.
C. DIEDERICHSEN, German str., for Hoichow.
CHANGSHA, British str., for Australia.
HSIN KONG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
KWANTUNG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Zafiro* reports: Light wind smooth sea and fine clear weather.
The Chinese str. *Hsing Shun* reports: Light Easterly swell; fine weather the whole trip.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 10th.
KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.F.M.S. *Rainha* *Anelia*, *Hilary*, *Rio*, *Lima*, *Robert Leckie*, *Hoangshen*, *Hoi Tung*, *Chingtui*, *Aline*, *Kwang Tung*.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [11]

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LONDON, ROTTERDAM & AMSTERDAM	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Tyers	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 16th inst. at D'light
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALD.	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 22d inst. at Noon
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th inst.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIQUE PORTS	INDIEN	Swed. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of Feb.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CAL...	OCEANIEN	Fregt. str.	—	Sellier	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 18th inst. at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst. at D'light
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	E. Hayes	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	EMBROKE SHIRE	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ART MARU	Jap. str.	—	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Febr.
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG, VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	M. Hagiwo	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th Feb. at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. Prosch	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &c.	BUELLOW	Aus. str.	k. w.	P. Giungevich	SANDOZ, WIELER & CO.	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK	PERSIA	Ger. str.	—	Karberg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th inst.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA JAPAN	SVERIC	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Boyd	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th inst.
VANCOUVER (DIRECT)	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 29th inst. at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 15th Feb. at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 5th Feb.
KANAGAWA, MARU	ATSUMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd March.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	YOKOHAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 26th Feb. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Raesener	MELCHERS & CO.	On 23rd inst. at D'light
YOKOHAMA, MARU	ATSUTA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Febr. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TJILATJAP	Dut. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerik	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	On 19th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Kenzie	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	WOSHAN	Brit. str.	—	A. A. Campbell	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	—	E. Malchow	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight
YOKOHAMA, MARU	CHOSHUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Surge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 12th inst.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	CHENAN	Brit. str.	—	Sache	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th inst. at D'light
YOKOHAMA, MARU	NYANZA	Brit. str.	—	H. S. Bradshaw, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 16th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	ANHUA	Brit. str.	—	Evans	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst. at D'light
YOKOHAMA, MARU	BOMBAH MARU	Brit. str.	—	Lancelin	MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES	On 14th inst. P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TOURANE	Brit. str.	—	C. Lindburgh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst. P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	INDIA	Brit. str.	—	S. Bascom	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 20th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	About 21st inst.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	CHINHUA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst. at D'light
YOKOHAMA, MARU	SAMBIA	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 2nd Feb.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TJILWONG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	SOSHU MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 14th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	DAIGI MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 15th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	HUNAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 16th inst. at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	HATTAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 17th inst. at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	HAIKANG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 14th inst. at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 15th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TEAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 16th inst. at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	End of Jan.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 14th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 13th inst. at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	TOSEA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 18th inst. at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, MARU	BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Capt. H. Raesener	Friday, 26th Jan. at D'light	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 18th inst. at 3 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	Capt. F. Semblill	End of January.	—	DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & CO.	On 22nd inst. at Noon.
For further particulars, apply to	NORDDEUTSCHER					

**PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP			
VIA SINGAPORE, PEN., SICILIA, ANG., COLOMBO, PORT	Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	About 13th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SAID and MARSEILLES			
SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE NYANZA, YOKOHAMA	Capt. H. S. Bradshaw, R.N.R.	Noon, 16th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI (ARCADIA)	Capt. S. Barlowan	About 21st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS DEVARNA	Capt. H. Powell	Noon, 22nd Jan.	See Special of Call.
For further Particulars, apply to	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent		Advertisement.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1910.			

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"NANCHANG"	On 11th Jan., 4 P.M.
AMOY and SHANGHAI	"BUNAN"	On 11th Jan., 4 P.M.
ZAMBOANGA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 13th Jan., 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"XIUQIANG"	On 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 16th Jan., D'light
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 18th Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 20th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 23rd Jan., D'light
DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.	S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUR"	

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

REDUCED FARES, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.

MANILA CARNIVAL, Sat. to 14th FEBRUARY.—S.S. "TEAN," will sail hence for Manila on 1st February and S.S. "TAMING" sail from Manila on 15th ibid for Hongkong. Special Reduced return fare of \$50.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI," "CHENAN,"

"CHINHUA" and "LINAN") with excellent accommodation, Electric Light throughout

and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before Mid-night on SATURDAY, for the SUNDAY Night.

These Steamers land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

FARE, \$45 SINGLE and \$60 RETURN.

For Freight or Passage apply to—

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1910.

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HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR LEAVING.	TUESDAY, 11th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"HAITAN," Capt. J. S. Reach	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW	
"HAIMUN," Capt. Evans	SWATOW	
"HAIYANG," Capt. A. E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW	

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1910.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WOSANG," "YUENSANG," "FOOKSANG," "LOONGSANG," "KUTSANG," "LAISANG,"	Wednesday, 12th Jan., D'light.
MANILA	"WOSANG," "YUENSANG," "FOOKSANG," "LOONGSANG," "KUTSANG," "LAISANG,"	Friday, 14th Jan., 4 P.M.
SH'HAL, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG," "LOONGSANG," "KUTSANG,"	Friday, 21st Jan., Noon.
MANILA	"KUTSANG,"	Saturday, 22nd Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"CALCUTTA," "LAISANG,"	Sunday, 23rd Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG,"	Tuesday, 1st Feb., Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 24 DAYS.

The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and return at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1910.

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GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE, COENPHAGEN, GOETHEBURG and BALTIQUE PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"INDIEN"	On 17th Jan.
COPENHAGEN and BALTIQUE PORTS	"INDIEN"	Middle of Feb.

For Further Particulars apply to—
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.

STEAMERS TONS. SAILING DATES.

KAMO MARU 9,000 WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight.

AKI MARU 7,000 WED'DAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

KAGA MARU 7,000 WED'DAY, 16th Feb., at Daylight.

YOSHINO MARU 6,500 WED'DAY, 16th Feb., from YOKOHAMA.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (KANAGAWA MARU leaving Hongkong 5th Feb., due Kobe 10th Feb., connects) **INABA MARU** 6,500 WED'DAY, 16th Feb., from YOKOHAMA.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (TOKU MARU leaving Hongkong 3rd March, due Yokohama 15th March, connects) **TAMBA MARU** 6,500 WED'DAY, 16th Mar., from YOKOHAMA.

SYDNEY and MELBOURNE (KANAGAWA MARU leaving Hongkong 5th Feb., due Kobe 10th Feb., connects) **YAWATA MARU** 5,000 FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.

NIKKO MARU 6,000 THURSDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.

BOMRAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO **TOSA MARU** 6,000 TUESDAY, 11th January.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA **ATSUTA MARU** 9,000 WED'DAY, 12th Jan., at Noon.

S. H. H. MARU 5,000 FRIDAY, 14th January.

NIKKO MARU 6,000 WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

* Carries deck Passengers.

Flitted with New System of Wireless Telegraphy, & Cargo on.

* Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN and NORTHERN PACIFIC Railways and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Through Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER. [13]

Hongkong, 10th January, 1910.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMERS

TONS. CAPTAIN FOR SAILING DATE.

ZAFIRO 2,540 R. Rodger On 15th Jan., Noon.

RUBI 2,540 A. Fraser On 22nd Jan., Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [12]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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and all North and South American Ports.

Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

HOMEWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S. S. SEGOVIA 15th Jan.

S. S. SAMBIA 2nd Feb.

S. S. ANDALUSIA 9th Feb.

S. S. SAXONIA 17th Feb.

S. S. C. FEED, LAEISZ 27th Feb.

EX S.S. "BRASILIA."

NEW SAMPLES OF
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AND PERFUMERY.

FOR INSPECTION INVITES:

HUGO C. A. FROMM,

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

43-2 Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA:

Date of Despatch from London.	Date due in Hongkong.	Vessels.
22nd December.	To-day.	Buelow.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

The Siberian mail will future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chefoo if no steamer is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The P. E. Friedrich, with the German mail of the 15th ult., left Singapore on Saturday the 6th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... 9.00 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama ... 11.00 a.m.

SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama ... 11.00 a.m.

Macao ... 1.00 p.m.

Manila ... 1.15 p.m.

Amoy and Shanghai ... 2.00 p.m.

Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Chefoo ... 3.00 p.m.

Singapore, Colombo and Bombay ... 4.00 p.m.

Shanghai ... 5.00 p.m.

Swatow ... 9.00 a.m.

Mojii, Kobe and Yokohama ... 10.00 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya ... 12.00 p.m.

EUROPE, &c., India via Tudicorn (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail) ...

Macao ... 11.00 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai ... 1.15 p.m.

Macao ... 1.15 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta ... 2.00 p.m.

Zambawana, Cebu and Iloilo ... 3.00 p.m.

Shanghai ... 4.00 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... 5.00 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Bombay ... 9.00 a.m.

Macao ... 10.00 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai ... 12.00 p.m.

Macao ... 12.00 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta ... 1.00 p.m.

Kayan ... 2.00 p.m.

Chenian ... 3.00 p.m.

Friday, 13th, 3.00 p.m.

Friday, 14th, 9.00 a.m.

Friday, 14th, 10.00 a.m.

EXTRACT FROM

"THE LANCET"

28TH, FEBRUARY, 1908.

REGARDING

JOHNSTONE'S M.P.

PURE MALT WHISKIES.

WILLIAM GRANT & SONS, LTD., THE GLENFIDDICH DISTILLERY, DUFFTOWN, N.B.

"Our analyses of these Whiskies indicate that the statements made in regard to them are honest—that is to say, that they are Pure Malt Whiskies distilled in the Pot Still. Moreover, the evidence of the palate is in favour of the statement that they are fully matured. The flavour, while malty and rich, is 'soft.' A feature in the analytical results was the amount of Ethers. The amount of Ethers represents a maximum quantity for Whisky. It may be remarked also that the acidity of these Whiskies was practically nil. These Whiskies are well adapted for SPECIAL DIETETIC PURPOSES."

OBTAIABLE AT ALL THE WINE MERCHANTS.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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TO-DAY.

5.15 P.M.—Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society in City Hall.

FOETHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, 12th Jan.—Auction of Booths and Matched, on the Spot, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.

Thursday, 13th Jan.—Prize distribution by H. E. the Governor of British Public school.

Saturday, 15th Jan.—Extraordinary General Meeting, The China Light & Power Co., Ltd.

Monday, 17th Jan.—Auction of Crown Land, Public Works Dept.

Monday, 17th Jan.—Hongkong A.D.C. present "The Torseador" at the Theatre.

Tuesday, 25th Jan.—Twenty-Second Ordinary Meeting, of the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Tuesday, 25th Jan.—Twenty-Second Ordinary Meeting, of the Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

Friday, 28th Jan.—Volunteer Ball.

Thursday, 10th Feb.—China New Year.

Monday, 14th Feb.—King Alfred Dance, City Hall.

Tuesday, 15th Feb.—Hongkong Jockey Club Races begin.

OPIUM.

January 10th.

Quotations are:—

Malwa New ... \$1,400/1,430 per picoul

Malwa Old ... \$1,440/1,450 "

Malwa Older ... \$1,460/1,470 "

Malwa V. Old ... \$1,480/1,500 "

Persian fine quality ... \$1,100/1,200 "

Persian extra fine ... \$1,250/1,300 "

Pataia New ... \$1,625 per chest

Pataia Old ... \$1,605 "

Bennars New ... \$1,635 "

Bennars Old ... "

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 10th.

ON LONDON:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/93

Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/93

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 1/93

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/93

Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 1/93

Documentary Bills 4 months' sight ... 1/93

ON PARIS:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 225

Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 228

On GERMANY:—

On demand ... 162

ON NEW YORK:—

Bank Bills, on demand ... 434

Credits, at 60 days' sight ... 448

ON HONGKONG:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 133

Bank, on demand ... 133

ON SHANGHAI:—

Bank at sight ... 747

Private, 30 days' sight ... 751

ON YOKOHAMA:—

On demand ... 871

ON MANILA:—

On demand—Pesos ... 88

ON SINGAPORE:—

On demand ... 757

ON BATAVIA:—

On demand ... 1073

ON HAIFOO:—

On demand ... 73 1/2 pm.

ON SAIGON:—

On demand ... 75 1/2 pm.

ON BANGKOK:—

On demand ... 864

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ... 511.20

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per wad ... 553.40

BAR SILVER, per oz ... 243

SUBSIDARY COINS:—

Chinese ... 20 cents pieces ... 7.85 discount

Chinese ... 10 " 18.05 "

Hongkong ... 20 " 26.50 "

Linguis ... 10 " 27.00 "

Saponga ... 10 " 27.00 "

Sheffords ... 10 " 27.00 "

Sungai Kapara ... 10 " 27.00 "

Loans ... Amount. Value. Interest. Quotation.

Chinese Imperial 1896 Tls. 767,200 Tls. 250 7% p. annum Par.

The Cigarettes of Distinction
Bouton Rouge
and FeluccaA LUXURY TO
THE MAN.
OF TASTE.

IN 50'S & 100'S
HERMETICALLY SEALED BOXES
AT \$4.20 AND \$2.80 PER 100
FROM ALL TOBACCONISTS.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apur str. Lightning from Calcutta left Singapore on the 4th instant afternoon, and may be expected here to-day.

The Ind-China str. Foochow left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here on or about 19th instant.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Eitel Friedrich, carrying the German Mails with data from Berlin of the 15th ultimo, left Singapore on the 8th instant at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow at noon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. Montague left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on the 29th ultimo p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The N.Y.K. str. Nipko Maru (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 6th inst., and is expected here on the 17th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.G.L. str. Capri left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here to-day.

THE GLEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. Glen Line left Singapore on the 5th inst., and is expected here to-day.

THE HULL LINE OF STEAMERS.

The Hull str. Bremen left Shanghai on the 8th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL MAIL.

The Prince of Wales (European Line) left Singapore on the 5th inst., and is expected here to-day.

THE I.G.M. str. Bremen left Shanghai on the 8th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE DANISH MAIL.

The Danish str. Indien left Port Said on the 20th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

THE ENGLISH & FRENCH MAIL.

The Eng. & Fr. Finsbury left Hongkong via Macau on the 21st ult., and is due here on or about the 14th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The French str. Alsatia left Tientsin on the 18th ultimo for Yokohama, Kobe, Mojii, and Hongkong and Manila.

THE BANK LINE.

The Bank Line str. Oceanus left Vancouver on the 21st ult. for Hongkong via Japan ports.

THE MOYAL LINE.